

No. R-211. House concurrent resolution honoring Orwell firefighter, first responder, and revered former fire chief Louis Hall.

(H.C.R.157)

Offered by: Representative Eastman of Orwell

Whereas, Louis Hall epitomizes the grand tradition of public service that is the hallmark of a volunteer Vermont firefighter and first responder, and

Whereas, his 48-year association with the Orwell Volunteer Fire Department started in 1967, when he signed up as a new member, and

Whereas, only two years after joining the department, his colleagues selected Louis Hall as the department's secretary, and

Whereas, Louis Hall's expertise in fighting fires led to his service during 1971–1972 as a training officer, and

Whereas, his successful performance as both the department's secretary and training officer resulted in his appointment in 1972 as an Orwell Fire Department trustee and the assumption of new administrative oversight responsibilities, and

Whereas, in 1978, based on 11 years of superb service, the Orwell Volunteer Fire Department selected Louis Hall as its chief, and

Whereas, during his extensive 36-year tenure as Orwell's fire chief, Louis Hall earned the respect of the fire departments throughout the region as a first-class professional whose leadership was second to none, and

Whereas, the strong admiration and respect that Louis Hall engendered among his colleagues was manifested in 1985, when he was named the Addison County Firefighters Association's Chief Officer of the Year, and

Whereas, the Orwell Volunteer Fire Department saluted the chief naming him its 1991 Line Officer of the Year, and

Whereas, over the decades, Louis Hall earned over 600 firefighting training hours, and

Whereas, Louis Hall is a charter member of the Orwell First Response Squad having participated in its establishment in 1973, and he has been instrumental in the squad's evolution from a rudimentary organization into a state-of-the-art medical and rescue unit, and

Whereas, the town of Orwell will honor Louis Hall at its 2015 Memorial Day parade in recognition of his continuing exemplary firefighting and first response service, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Orwell firefighter, first responder, and revered former fire chief Louis Hall, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Louis Hall.